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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR JUNE 11 NOON PRESS
BRIEFING. QUOTE.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
OF KIM IL SUNG AND PRESIDENT TITO DEMANDING THE WITH-
DRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES AS AN OBSTACLE TO REUNIFICATION?

ANSWER: REMOVAL OF THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA HAS LONG BEEN A WELL-PUBLICIZED GOAL OF NORTH
KOREA. OUR FORCES ARE THERE TO ASSURE THE STABILITY AND
PEACE OF THE AREA WHICH HAS NOW BEEN MAINTAINED FOR THE
PAST TWO DECADES. TO WITHDRAW NOW COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THAT STABILITY.

QUESTION: ARE WE STILL INSISTING ON RETENTION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN SEOUL?

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ANSWER:WE MADE CLEAR AT THE UNGA LAST YEAR THAT WE ARE

PREPARED TO SEE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNC, PROVIDED
ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS EXIST TO MAINTAIN THE PROVISIONS
OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

FOR USE ON BACKGROUND: TERMINATION OF THE UNC WOULD NOT
AFFECT OUR FORCE PRESENCE. OUR TROOPS ARE IN KOREA IN
SUPPORT OF THE BI-LATERAL MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

QUESTION: WOULD A FOUR POWER GUARANTEE FOR THE PENINSULA
BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S.?

ANSWER: IF SUCH A PROPOSAL WERE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNED IT WOULD OF COURSE BE STUDIED. OBVIOUSLY, ANY
ARRANGEMENT LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE
KOREANS. UNQUOTE.

2. NONE OF ABOVE RAISED IN BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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